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**Amendments to the Title:**

Please amend the title by deleting "Light-Weight Flexible Shelter Structure With Improved  
Volume," and inserting therefor - Lightweight Flexible Frame For Shelter Structure --.

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**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please amend the specification by replacing paragraph 21 on page 4 with the following new paragraph 21:

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[21] Figures 3a-3c illustrate three alternative arrangements for connecting the spars to the main pole. In Figure 3a, the spar is directly connected to the main pole. This connection is suitably made by riveting, tying, hooking or otherwise flexibly connecting the spar to the main pole. In Figure 3b, the spar is indirectly connected to the pole via a suspension cord 2225, or the like. The suspension cord may be attached to the main pole and to the spar in any suitable fashion. The suspension cord stabilizes the arch of the spa in the direction of the main pole. Alternatively, suspension cord 22-25 can be eliminated by providing pockets to engage the ends of the spar to orient the arch towards the main pole, or if the spar is straight. In each of the arrangements of Figures 3a and 3b, the spar is preferably connected to the main pole at approximately the midpoint of the spar. Also in each of these arrangements, the spar is illustrated in a tensioned condition. In Figure 3c, the spar is indirectly connected to the main pole via a pair of tension cords 23 and 24. Similarly to the arrangements of Figures 3a and 3b, the tension cords 23 and 24 may be connected to the spar and to the main pole in any suitable fashion. Tension cords 23 and 24 may be separate cords, or may be a single contiguous cord that runs through the spar, if the spar is hollow. Unlike the arrangements of Figures 3a and 3b, in this alternative arrangement, if separate tension cords are employed, they are preferably attached to the spar near its terminal ends, such that the spar is maintained beneath the main pole in a balanced tensioned fashion with its center point in or near the plane of the main pole. Tension

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Records 23 and 24 may also be replaced by portions of a membrane, such as sleeves, pockets, or the

like for engaging and tensioning the spar.

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